

Claim 2, line 3, after "member" delete "the cross member".

Claim 4, lines 1 and 3, delete "hoop-like" and add

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Claim 5, after "wherein said" delete "hoop-like" and add

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Claim 7, after "in which said" delete "hoop-like" and add

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Claim 7, after "plastic members" delete "telescopingly or otherwise".

Claim 8, lines 2, 4 and 6, delete "hoop-like" and add ---  
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#### REMARKS

The abstract has been amended to comply with the single paragraph within 50 to 250 words.

The claims 1 to 5 and 7 and 8 have been amended to remove the USC 35, SEC 112 rejection.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Ferrari, 5,833,556. This rejection is herewith traversed as not anticipatory by Ferrari. The device in Ferrari is supposed to perfect the arc of a basketball. However, what Ferrari actually does is to limit the height of the arc whereas applicant's invention allows a player to shoot an arc at any height necessary to make a shot, this is important when being